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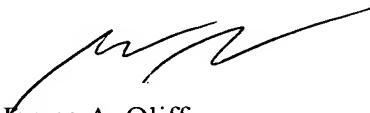
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- ☒ 3. English language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto. (See Refs. 3 & 4)
- ☒ 4. A computer-generated English language translation of the following Japanese reference(s) has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. (See Refs. 3-5)

- ☒ 5. U.S. Patent No. 5,323,215 (Ref. #1) corresponds to JP-A-310980 (Ref. #2). As such, Ref. #1 is the concise English explanation for Ref. #2.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	1	5,323,215	6/21/1994	OHTAKA ET AL.		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB CLASS
	2	JP-A-4-310980	11/2/1992	JAPAN		
	3	JP-A-11-295950 (w/Abstr & Trans)	10/29/1999	JAPAN		
	4	JP-A-9-101660 (/Abstr & Trans)	4/15/1997	JAPAN		
	5	JP-U-5-84965 (w/Trans)	11/16/1993	JAPAN		

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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